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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 3640

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, AF, PK  
SUBJ: DAOUD'S MOSCOW COMMENTS RE AFGHAN/PAKISTAN RELATIONS

REF: (A) MOSCOW 5177, (B) TEHRAN 3626 (NOTAL)

1. I CALLED ON MFA UNDERSECRETARY NASSIR ASSAR MORNING OF APRIL 26 AT HIS REQUEST. ASSAR SAID THAT IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW HAD REPORTED ON DAOUD'S REMARKS DURING HIS VISIT THERE, AND PARTICULARLY HIS REMARK THAT ONE POLITICAL PROBLEM WITH PAKISTAN WAS THE CONTINUING LEGACY OF THE SINISTER IMPERIAL PAST. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WE MADE OF THIS REMARK AND WHY DAOUD HAD CHOSEN TO SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY IN THIS WAY AT THIS TIME. HE ADDED THAT THE GOI ASSUMED THAT DAOUD WAS REFERRING TO THE DURAND LINE ISSUE. HE THOUGHT IT MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT ONE COMMENT COULD DESTROY THE GOOD WORK AND PROGRESS PRESIDENT DAOUD AND PRESIDENT BHUTTO HAD ACHIEVED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS IN RECONCILING PAKISTAN/ AFGHAN DIFFERENCES.

2. I RESPONDED THAT THE REPORT THAT WE HAD ON PRESIDENT DAOUD'S COMMENTS IN MOSCOW WERE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT BUT CONVEYED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME SENSE. I DID NOT KNOW,  
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HOWEVER, WHETHER THERE WAS ANY SPECIFIC INTENTION ON THE PART OF DAOUD TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK WITH RESPECT TO PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS, BUT THAT GENERALLY WE FOUND HIS REMARKS SOMEWHAT Milder THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST. ASSAR ASKED WHETHER I WOULD INQUIRE OF OUR EMBASSY IN KABUL WHAT INTERPRETATION WAS BEING PLACED ON DAOUD'S COMMENTS THERE BY OUR PEOPLE AS WELL AS BY RESPONSIBLE AFGHAN OFFICIALS.

I SAID THAT I WOULD DO SO.

3. COMMENT: WE HAD ALREADY CONVEYED OUR VIEW ON DAOUD'S  
REMARKS TO A LOWER LEVEL OF THE MFA SEVERAL DAYS AGO. OUR  
CHARACTERIZATION OF DAOUD'S REMARKS AS "MILDER" THAN  
PREVIOUSLY MAY HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE SHAH'S REMARKS TO ME ON  
THE SAME SUBJECT (REF B). WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS  
DEPARTMENT AND/OR EMBASSY KABUL BELIEVE IT MAY BE USEFUL TO  
CONVEY TO THE GOI IN RESPONSE TO ITS INQUIRY.  
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